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OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No.

Project Name/Address:

Planner:

Minimum Comment Period:

Materials included in this Notice:

Blue Bulletin
Checklist
Vicinity Map
Plans
Other:

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State Department of Fish and Wildlife
State Department of Ecology, Shoreline Planner N.W. Region
Army Corps of Engineers
Attorney General
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Land Use for clearing and Grading plan on the backyard

2. Name of applicant:

Sangil Jeon

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

15823 SE 43rd PL Bellevue WA 98006

425-351-3943

Sangilj67@hotmail.com

4. Date checklist prepared:

3/28/2021

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Bellevue City Permit department

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Phasing 1(3/28/2021)

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

- *Clearing dirt and replace the existing timber retaining wall with new 3 levels retaining wall*
- *Put boundary trees near 164th road*
- *Clearing and degrading the backyard*

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Directly related to this proposal

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

None

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Land Use permit for backyard

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

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12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

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Land Survey, GeoTech Report and Site Plan B will be attached to the file.

B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, **hilly**, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

33. degree (66.7%)

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

The lot is located in an area underlain by dense stable sand, silt and gravel from Glacial

Till(Qvt)

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

None

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Install new retaining wall. Approximately 1,500 – 2,000 square feet. Filling soil, gravel and concrete.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

No

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Approximately 10-15%

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

None

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

None

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

None

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

None

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

None

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

None

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

None

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

None

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

None

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

None

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

NONE

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

None

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

None

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

None

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

None

4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

X___deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

X___evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

___shrubs

___grass

___pasture

___crop or grain

___ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

___ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

___ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

___ other types of vegetation

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Remove the vine and dirt.

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

- *Plan to plant the evergreen pine trees on the boundary of road 164th.*
- *Plan to plant flowering trees on the flat area that is on the toe of slope area.*
- *Plan to plant small evergreen trees on the each level(1,2) of retaining wall.*

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

None

5. **Animals** [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, **songbirds**, other:

mammals: **deer**, bear, elk, beaver, other: **squarrels**

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

None

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

NONE

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

None

6. Energy and Natural Resources [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

None

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

None

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

None

7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

None

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

None

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

None

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

None

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

No special noise but might be clearing the dirt or building the retaining walls.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

No special. Short-term project to build retaining walls.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

None

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

Single residence area and no impacts to other adjacent properties.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

No

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

No

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

No special structures. Just Backyard that has a slope about 33.7 degrees.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

None

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Residential area

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Clear and degrading with replacing the existing retaining wall with new.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

None

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

Not sure but Bellevue city may concern the sloped hills on the backyard

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Approximately 5-8 people to build retaining wall

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

NONE

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

None

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

None

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

None

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Stone retaining walls with small plants. Backyard landscape will be nice and clean.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Some evergreen small trees on the retaining walls

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

None

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

None

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

None

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

None

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

None

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

None

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe.

None

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

None

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

None

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

None

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

None

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

None

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

None

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

None

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

None

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

3-4 vehicles

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

None

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

None

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

None

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

None

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, **telephone, sanitary sewer**, septic system,
other _____
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service,
and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might
be needed.

None

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the
lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____
Name of signee Sungil Jeon
Position and Agency/Organization _____
Date Submitted: 8/10/2021

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction
with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of
activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or
at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in
general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; pro-
duction, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

King County iMap

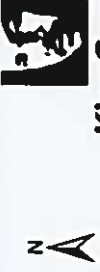


King County, Washington, 98148

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Date: 10/22/2020

Notes:



King County

Timber Walls

There are two timber landscape walls around the back of the house from the deck to the south corner of the house. The upper timber wall is located at the side of the crushed rock surfaced walkway and is approximately 36 feet long with heights of 9 to 14 inches. The lower timber wall is located at the downhill side of the crushed rock walkway and is approximately 51 feet in length and varies from ground level to 16 inches in height.

The timber walls consist of a mixture of railroad ties (creosote treated) and pressure treated timbers with ACZA (ammoniacal copper zinc arsenate). Many of the railroad ties are rotted from the ends, since the cut ends were not treated. The ACZA pressure treated timbers are much more rot resistant.

The landscape timber walls only retain the crushed rock walkway and the soils above the walkway.

Erosion

We observed some erosion around the timber posts that support the deck. However the deck posts are straight and have not settled. We also observed some erosion around the downspout drain at the south corner of the house. This drain needs to be maintained and cleaned so that it does not overflow.

Conclusions and Recommendations

1. The lot is located in an area underlain by dense stable sand, silt and gravel from the Glacial Till (Qvt). Some fills may have been cast over the slope during the construction of the house in 1977.
2. The house perimeter foundations are in good condition with no sign of settlement.
3. The timber walls only retain up to 16 inches of the crushed rock surfaced walkway and landscape soils. They have no effect on the stability of the house or the lot.
4. The timber walls can be replaced with new pressure treated timber walls and posts. The timber walls can be replaced with cement block segmental walls, or they can be repaired by replacing the rotted timbers.

5. Any new wall needs to be built by experienced contractors, have adequate drainage behind the walls. For timber walls the posts need to be placed at a sufficient depth. For cement block walls, they need to be built on a crushed rock bedding and on stable compacted subgrade.
6. The eroded soil around the deck posts and downspout need to be protected with crushed rock or dry ready mix concrete.

We trust that this geotechnical evaluation of the lot and the building addresses your concerns at this time.

Sincerely,
GEO Group Northwest, Inc.

William Chang

William Chang, P.E.
Principal



Attachments:

1. King County iMap.